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SUBJECT: REQUEST OF NETHERLANDS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
LOCKHEED ALLEGATIONS

1. NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TAMMENOMS BAKKER CALLED ON
DEPARTMENT LEGAL ADVISER LEIGH MARCH 5 TO DISCUSS DUTCH
REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ALLEGATIONS ABOUT
PRINCE BERNHARD. LEGAL ADVISER REFERRED TO DEPUTY SECRE-
TARY'S STATEMENT TO PROXMIRE COMMITTEE THAT DEPARTMENT OF
STATE WOULD REFER REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE. JUSTICE WOULD THEN DECIDE ON APPROPRIATE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSMISSION OF DOCUMENTS TO FOREIGN LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE
TO ENSURE MUTUALITY, SINCE JUSTICE WAS BEGINNING ITS OWN
INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS. LEGAL ADVISER ALSO STRESSED
IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION
EXCHANGED. HE ADDED THAT WE ARE NOT CERTAIN YET
WHETHER CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES WILL ALSO WISH TO USE
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THIS PROCEDURE.

2. TAMMENOMS AKKER POINTED OUT THAT DUTCH COMMISSION OF INQUIRY WAS INDEPENDENT BODY WITH STATUS ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE GROUP. HE WONDERED WHETHER SUCH A

COMMISSION WOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER DEFINITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. LEGAL ADVISER EXPLAINED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUT IF COMMISSION CAN SHOW ABILITY TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY WE WOULD NOT EXCLUDE ITS BEING SO DEFINED.

2. REPLYING TO TAMMENOMS BAKKER'S QUESTION REGARDING NEXT STEPS FOR COMMISSION MEMBER HOLTROP, CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, LEGAL ADVISER SUGGESTED NETHERLANDS EMBASSY GET IN TOUCH MARCH 8 WITH BENELUX DESK WHICH WOULD ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN HOLTROP AND APPROPRIATE JUSTICE OFFICIAL. KISSINGER

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